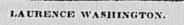
To Settle Estate of George Washington---New Administration Will Try to Wind Up His Affairs---Grandson of Lee Given the Task





BY JOHN ELFRETH WATKINS.

engrossed with the task of striving to in Ohio, and this is a step forward.

1709, the last will and testament crors, leaving property to persons under wrong names, but these slips of the pen were so apparent that the court carried out the very manifest intent of the will. intent of the will.

Five months and four days after signing this document the great general was bled to death by his physiclans, while suffering from an attack

Lost Through Government Neglect. described in an appendix schedule as 3,051 acres in the Northwest farther up the same river, after it be-Territory, and "in the vicinity of Cin- comes the boundary of Ciermont coun- ed George Washington's lands complete Miami, another seven, and the third ten miles up the same." er acre, or at a total of \$15 .-But he advised his executors not to sell them until they ad-vanced in value. He foresaw the westward "course of empire" and rightly believed that by leaving the money in these lands it would increase in value far faster than through any other investment that might be made of it. So his administrators left this land untouched and had Congress pass an act protecting it from "jumpers." Then they rested upon their assumption that it was secured and died be-

Just Reported to House.
A few days ago the House committee on private land claims—which has re-cently held hearings on this bill—reported in favor of the Washington heirs, but recommended that they be reimbursed for their loss in an equal area of government land now vacant in the public domain. But inasmuch as



ong ago been taken up, little remain- ty, are found the remaining tracts-

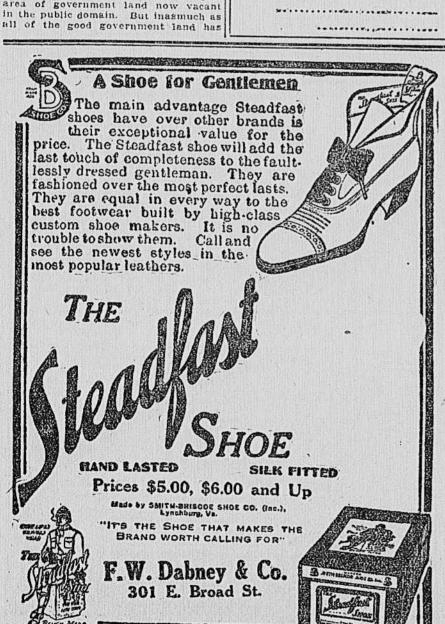
has been intrusted to Robert E. Lee, they say, contained a wealth of the to enter public lands, and then another More than one hundred and eleven hundred times as much or more than and a half years have clapsed since any vacant public land in the public purchased two land warrants. The domain. Disinterested appraisers sent entries and surveys were recorded in

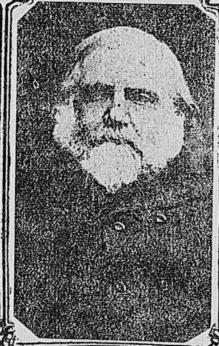
opposite Cincinnati, on the east bank of the Little Miami, in what is now Anderson township, which includes also the general made his will and died be a place named Mt. Washington. This The will disposed of certain land "on land is within only four or five miles the western borders," which Wash- of Cincinnati's streets, and in the same



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ing but semi-arid and desert lands, the 1,235 acres in Miami, 848 acres in

To this end there has lately been draft for \$305,000, plus interest at 6 gress to reimburse them for their loss appointed a new administrator of his per cent. from the date of their claim's as it has been done in similar cases

this testament he made two other much of this land has increased in were in danger on account of the prac-Ohio, who assured him that his titl to the Little Miami lands was good an undisturbed and promised to notify

> Victim of Land Grafter.
> Six years after his death, however the deputy surveyor of the same di ed George Washington's lands complete ly and exactly. By drawing the "deadl; heirs have lately given Congress strong evidence that the latter took advantage of his official position and obtained from the archives of his office the dead

general's field notes and copied them almost word for word.

The general's executors—Bushrod Washington and Lawrence Lewis, his

Then they rested upon their assumption that it was secured and died before taking means to sell it.

But in spite of this act of Congress this land was "jumped"—so the present Washington heirs claim—as a result of unbusinesslike methods of keeping government records a century ago, and of general government neglect. So the heirs have presented to Congress a bill:

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jumped the general's 3,050 acres, was one Joseph Kerr. On learning that the executors were making inquiries, he covered the Washington lands a second time, now using a means which has become more fashionable in our day and which has been the cause of the Freat land frauds of the past few years and their scandals involving Schators and Representatives in Congress.

He employed "dummy entrymen" to jump the late President's tracts and these men were entered upon the records under the names of Neville and

Became a United States Senator, Kerr was a politician and became sufficiently popular six years later to be elected to fill out the unexpired term of Thomas Worthington in the United States Senate, where he held his seat from December 30, 1811, until March 3, 1815—a little over two months. While in Washington during this brief time, it is charged, he again took advantage of his official position-now so much loftier than when he was a deputy surveyor—and after ransacking the land records at the capital profited by the negligence of the officials in charge and had the Washington tract transferred to his own name. The Geneval Land Office own name. The General Land Office had not yet been established, and there was general confusion of the government land records.

Then two other horns of the dilemma appeared. Fire destroyed the court-houses in both Hamilton and Clermont counties, Ohio, where the tracts are located. In Washington records which would show the payment of taxes on the properties were also destroyed, and by the time the first third of the past century had rolled by both of Washington's original eventure had of the past century had rolled by both of Washington's original executors had died. And to the new ones appointed in their stead the negligent government officials at Washington, it is said, failed to send tax bills for these iands. Thus there was no reminder of the existence of these tracts and they

were forgotten. Estate Never Settled. Time went on and the general's estate was never settled. From generation to generation new administrators were appointed. One of these, designated in 1859, was John Augustine Washington, a great-grandnephew of the first President. He required an the first President. He required an heir who had been paid from seven to eight thousand dollars by mistake to refund this amount. Then, after this administrator's death, his son, Lawrence Washington, of the Library of the control o Congress, took an interest in the es-Three or four years ao he went over to Fairfax Courthouse and ransacked through the records of George Washinton's home county to learn why



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Administrator Wushington Estate.

An heir of the generation now near Inited States Senator John Randolph other day took his seat in the upper House of Congress. George's own brother, Charles, had a son, George Auustine, whose daughter, Anna Maria, married a Thornton, whose son was the The largest group of heirs now gath

W. Va., where the general's brother, Colonel Samuel, built Harewood, the mansion that was the refuge of Louis Philippe, afterward King of France, during his exile in America.

tracted households when Cuticura Soap and Ointshire county farmer, to spend his re-maining days in the National Capital. and still enother is Bushrod C. Washington, who four years ago-despite his three-score years and twelve-de-cided to leave home and go to pioneer-

He crossed the continent and in Lincoln county, State of Washington, took up a tract of semi-arid government land, upon which he is now raising flourishing crops of fruits and vegetables. He has dug his own irri-gation ditches and is a hustling citizen Sells itself wherever of the great west. Being settled upon his own land, he is in no danger of introduced. Imitators sharing the fate of his distinguished ancestor at the bands of the land ancestor at the hands of the land grafters and their jackals, the "dunmy entrymen.

The "Ynnkee" Heirs.

Robert J. Washington is a prominent Gowans for inflammation citizen, and in Kankakee, Ill., where family, including William Augustice who, with his father and brother fought in the Union army under General Logan. He is now an attorney.

Logan offered a commission to his brother, Bushrod D. Washington, who some time ago retired. Among the general's surviving great-

great-grandnieces is Mrs. Beverley D. Tucker, wife of the Episcopal bishop condjutor of Southern Virginia, who is a daughter of John Augustine Washington of Mount Vernon. And another is Mrs H. Irvine Kayser, wife of a Bal timore capitalist. Two of the heirs who are seeking

their fortunes in the north are George s. Washington, a commission merchant of Philadelphia, and William Lanici Washington, who is a New York broker The latter is the hereditary representative of General Washington in the Society of the Cincinnati, in which an officer of the Revolution can be represented by only one person-the mos Would Have Succeeded Washington a tiing.

This means that if those admirer of Washington who wished to make him King of America had had thei way and the dynasty had been main tained William Lanier Washington would now be our reigning sovereign But instead of holding a sceptre over us he has pursued the more useful callings of railway official, manufacturer, capitalist and broker. He is forty-six years old, having been born the last year of the Civil War, in Alabama, while his father, Major James Barroll Washington Washington, was serving as an aid-de-camp on the staff of General Joseph E. Johnston. The tamily afterward mov-ed to Baltimore, and thence to Pittsburg. Then the son was sent to the University of Pennsylvania. He is an independent Republican—being one of the few Washington heirs of 10-day who are not of the Democratic faith.
After serving as general passenger agent of the collateral branches of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, he became president of steel, oilcloth and land companies and vice-president of a fire proofing company. His hobby is the

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tarrh sufferers.

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preeding of blooded Irish setters and collaterally descended from he is a clubman in New York, where he has lived for the past dozen years. Five years ago he married Miss May B. Brennan of Louisville.

President—twice through the Balls, the family of the general's mother, and once through the Washingtons. And inasmuch as he married a descendant of the

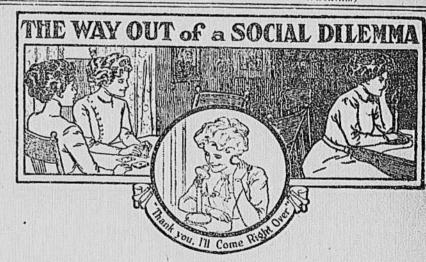
eral's half-brother Augustine form a colony at Wakefield, Va., about 100 to the sage of Mount Vernon.

The lands along the Little Miami are

being the general's "nearest of kin." thousand acres on the Kanawha river, Richard Blackburn Washington, a plantish this Kanawha tract that Washington said to have discovered the first natural West Va. He was the great-grandson gas well known to America. He des-West Va. He was the great-grandson of George Washington's brother, John Augustine, and was the last of his generation. Moreover, he was thrice (Copyright, 1911, by John Elfreth Watkins.)

Numerous descendants of the gen-immortal George's brother, Samuel, his

on which George Washington was born
A venerable patriarch, who for some in some unaccountable manner lost to years past enjoyed the distinction of it. He left in his will thirty or forty in West Viginia, and 5,000 acres in of eighty-seven. This was Kentucky, near Louisville. It was upon



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